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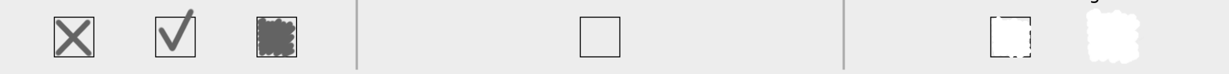

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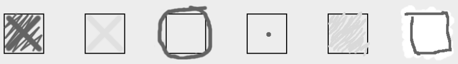

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You also know that $H(X|Y) = \frac{1}{2}$. Choose the correct value of $\alpha$.

- ☐ 1.
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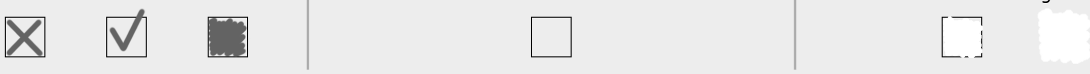

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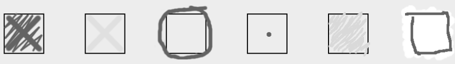

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